to SARS resulting in drop in traffic and pilots non-cooperation during April/May, 2003; (ii) Increase in prices of aviation turbine fuel; and (iii) Overall recessionary trend in the International market.

Specialized Wing for Airport Security

888. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for tightening the security measures at airports;

(b) whether a dedicated wing of CISF will be given specialized training for the security of airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Security measures are in place at all airports in the country in accordance with the guidelines issued by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). Based on threat perception, security measures are further strengthened which *inter-alia* include cent percent physical check of registered baggage, increased surveillance at the airport, deployment of Sky Marshals, Quick Response Teams, secondary ladder point frisking, increased perimeter patrolling, restricting entry of visitors in some areas of airport, etc.

(b) and (c) CISF deployed at airports are already given specialised pre-induction training on aviation security. Subsequently, they are given on the job training for one month by the State Police before aviation security duties are handed over to them. A two-week's training on aviation security at CISF National Institute of Security Academy at Hyderabad is also given to them. BCAS and IB also conduct training for CISF personnel.

Study on low cost air services

889. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to carry out a feasibility study of low-cost airline from Cochin to some key destinations in the Gulf viz. Dubai, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi has since given its report;